

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle recognizes that computers, the Internet and other digital technologies are essential for learning, employment and civic and cultural participation; and

WHEREAS, the future of our economy relies on a well-trained workforce and entrepreneurs with technology skills; and

WHEREAS, the future of an inclusive society depends upon all people having access to gaining the technical capacity and skills to participate within the digital world in a meaningful way; and

WHEREAS, Seattle has long been a leader in fostering the development of the information technology industry and in its commitment to working with industry, educators and non-profit sectors on closing the digital divide; and

WHEREAS, along with One Economy – a national leader and local partner in digital inclusion – the Communities Connect Network has spearheaded a multi-sector effort to advance digital inclusion within Washington State;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREGORY J. NICKELS, Mayor of the City of Seattle, proclaim January 28, 2009 to be

DIGITAL INCLUSION DAY

and I hereby urge citizens to join the City of Seattle, the Communities Connect Network and One Economy to work toward a digitally inclusive future for all.



GREG NICKELS
Mayor